

Docket No: 2877 (203-3419) *IFW***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT(S): Robert D. Gresham, et al. EXAMINER: Michael G. Mendoza

SERIAL No.: 10/720,510 GROUP: Art Unit 3734

FILED: November 24, 2003 DATED: June 20, 2007

TITLE: SHEATH INTRODUCTION APPARATUS AND METHOD

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					x 180=	\$		x 360=	\$
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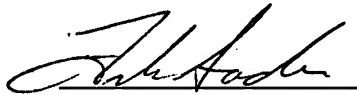
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**PATENT**

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**AMENDMENT "A"**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2007, please amend the  
above-identified application as set forth herein below:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 2 of this paper.

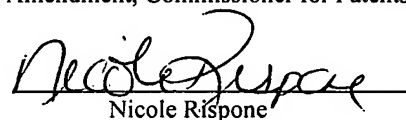
**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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